

St. Luke's Church, Maidenhead

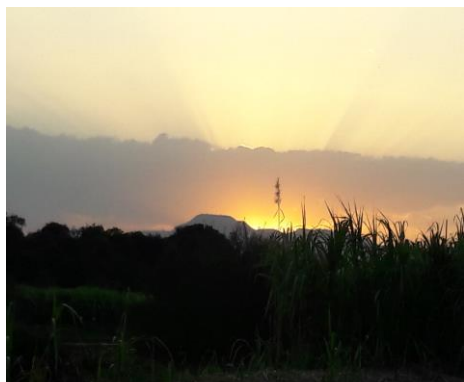
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Week Commencing: 14th July, Trinity 7

This week we have a 8.00am Holy Communion and a 10.00am Parish Communion service. An activity will be available for children in the latter service. All are warmly invited to join us for worship.

Congratulations to the Revd. Phyl Sopp, who has now successfully completed her curacy and is now licensed as Associate Minister in this parish. We her every blessing in the next stage of ministry.

The Collect

Lord of all power and might,
the author and giver of all good things:
graft in our hearts the love of your name,
increase in us true religion,
nourish us with all goodness,
and of your great mercy keep us in the same;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

Lord God, whose Son is the true vine
and the source of life,
ever giving himself that the world may live:
may we so receive within ourselves
the power of his death and passion
that, in his saving cup,
we may share his glory
and be made perfect in his love;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

First Reading

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ ⁴before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people to the praise of his glory. *Ephesians 1.3-14*

Gospel Reading

¹⁴King Herod heard of the healings and other miracles, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, 'John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are

at work in him.' ¹⁵But others said, 'It is Elijah.' And others said, 'It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old.' ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, 'John, whom I beheaded, has been raised.' ¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, 'It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife.' ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, 'Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it.' ²³And he solemnly swore to her, 'Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom.' ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, 'What should I ask for?' She replied, 'The head of John the Baptist.' ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, 'I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptizer on a platter.' ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. *Mark 6.14-29*

Sunday's Hymns

194 Alleluia, alleluia, hearts to heaven
 698 (i) King of glory, king of peace
 814 Thy hand, O Lord, has guided
 702 Lead us, heavenly father, lead us
 646 God is working his purpose out

Thought for the week

Poor King Herod! In today's gospel story he had dug himself a hole that he could not get out of without losing face (as king). This part of the gospels shows up the moral decline at the time of Jesus. The puppet king Herod (one of the sons of Herod the Great) had left his wife and taken up with his brother's wife. He was so entranced by the seductive dancing of their teenage daughter, designed to 'amuse' his guests, that he promised her whatever she asked. Her vengeful mother sought to get back at the prophet John (the Baptist) who had spoken out publicly against their relationship and told the girl to ask for 'the head of John the Baptist', and the teenager added, 'on a platter' for good effect.

What was Herod to do?

It is so easy to throw our bold statements and much more challenging to keep to them whatever the outcome. Power and authority bring with them responsibility – which is not always assumed. What a simple yet beautiful contrast in the very last line as John's disciples take his body and lay it to rest.

It makes me think about my own careless word and actions – and times of kindness too.



Prayer suggestions for this week:

- For our new government
- For a renewed commitment to the ministry and mission of all church members, and to prayer for the church, the world, and all people.
- For the implementation of our new Mission Action Plan.
- For our Summer Holiday Arts Project.
- For Fiona, Smita and Lee, to be confirmed on 17th July
- For the people of Israel and Palestine, for an end to the violence there and for strength for all those who are suffering loss and fear.
- For our sisters and brothers in the Jewish and Muslim communities of our own town.
- For the King and the Princess of Wales as they are treated for cancer
- For peace in Ukraine and Russia, and of Sudan, and also in Armenia and Ethiopia.
- For a new church music leader.
- For all those who live and work in Elmwood.
- For all those whose anniversary of baptism falls in July: Mason Whittle, George Pankhurst, Noah Cameron, Jack Kirk, Olivia Turner, Harry Raymond, William Sharma, Theo Sharma, Florence Priestley, Bella Edmonds, Clara Crampin, Casper Brudenall, Payton Brudenall, Paisley Brudenall Freddie Bate
- The sick and their carers : Monica Olley, Ann Hockham, Valerie Bosley, Pat Botting, Phyllis Sigsworth, Lorraine, Olu Rowe, Bridget Morris, Lucy Young, Pat Brooks, Emily Buckwell, Jacqueline Lewis, Angela Baldwin.
- Those who have died recently, and those who mourn them
- Those whose anniversary of death falls in July: Ann Ringer, Diana Bradfield, Siew Kee Bentley, Andrew Ross, Joyce Newman, Ronald Young, Nellie Edwards, Roy Pond, John Rodwell, Robert Roberts, Edward Richardson, Raymond Pullin, Zarina Rowlands.

Readings for Morning Prayer for the week beginning Sunday 14th July 2024:

Sunday	Psalm 65	2 Samuel 18	Mark 9.2-32
Monday	Psalm 1	1 Samuel 10.1-16	Luke 22.24-30
Tuesday	Psalm 5	1 Samuel 10.17-end	Luke 22.31-38
Wednesday	Psalm 119.1-32	1 Samuel 11	Luke 22.39-46
Thursday	Psalm 15	1 Samuel 12	Luke 22.47-62
Friday	Psalm 19	1 Samuel 13.5-18	Luke 22.63-end
Saturday	Psalm 23	1 Samuel 19.1-18	Luke 23.1-12

Rotas for next week Sunday 21st July:

Read: Sue Hinchcliffe

Intercede: Jeanette Lock

Welcomers: Rachel, Jeanette and Fiona

Coffee: Sally S and Jenny

This week the flood lighting has been sponsored by

Eunice Goodman

Happy Ruby Wedding anniversary to Virginia and David

To sponsor the floodlighting please fill in the form at the back of church or email:

admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk The donation for weekly sponsorship is £15.



What's on.... This week:

Sunday 14th	8.00am, Holy Communion 10.00am, Parish Communion
Tuesday 16th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom
Wednesday 17th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on zoom 10.00am, Holy Communion 7.00pm, Confirmation, St. Stephen's church, Windsor
Thursday 18th	8.30am, Morning Prayer, on Zoom 9.30am, Baby and Toddler group 3.00pm, Keeping Company
Friday 19th	8.30am, Morning Prayer on zoom 9.30am, St Luke's Year 6 leavers service, in Church
Saturday 20th	NO Morning prayer 10.00-3.30pm, Quiet Day, St Katharine's Retreat Centre at Parmoor
Sunday 21st	10.00am, Parish Communion 11.45am, Church Fabric Meeting 6.00pm, Sundays at Six, Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St Luke's

Evening prayer: please note that there will now be no Evening Prayer on Fridays until September.

Sundays at Six: All Services are at 6.00pm Zoom link: use Sunday morning or as specified above

21 st July	Prayer walk on Ray Mill Island, led by St. Luke's
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Coming up...

The Revd. Carol Dunk, it was a pleasure to have Carol on secondment with us earlier this year. She has moved to a new role in Slough Deanery, and we are warmly invited to her welcome service at St. Mary's church, Langley Marish on 15th July at 7.30pm.

Messy Church our Messy church dates are as follows: 6th September, 4th October, 1st November, 29th November

Bible study: our journey exploring together Matthew's gospel continues again soon. All warmly invited from 8-9pm, in church. Last one this series on 24th July.

Quiet Day, Saturday 20th July. We have booked St. Katharine's Retreat Centre at Parmoor for a quiet day from 10 am - 3.30 pm. All are warmly invited to come along for a day of reflection and rest. Cost £20 pp (max) and bring a packed lunch. If you have never been to a quiet day why not try it – ask Sally, Phyl, Jeanette or Barbara to tell you more. Please sign up in church.

Spacemakers, opportunity for reflection: Wednesday 14th August, 11 am – 2.15pm (including lunch). The Revd. Charlie Kerr from the Diocese will be leading a session on Spacemakers, a programme used in schools and churches to aid reflection and offer space. Everyone is invited to come along and take part either for your own benefit or to be able to lead these sessions with others. A light lunch will be provided. Free! Please sign up in church.

More than sparrows, 20th - 24th August.

This all age Arts Project will be a great chance to welcome in the community and share together. We will have crafts for all ages to do together, as well as games, snack time and quiet reflection. If you are

able to offer any time to help, or have craft skills to share, please email Revd. Sally or sign up in church. Booking forms are now available to sign up to take part – attached to this weeks email, on the church website and hard copy in church. Please return booking forms to the church office.

Items needed for Arts Project:

Please leave in the box at the back of church, marked MORE THAN SPARROWS, any of the following that you can donate:

- Old lego (not duplo)
- material
- ribbons
- wool
- Board games (named if you'd like them back)

Looking further ahead:

Save the dates....

Saturday 7th September: Garden Party

Friday 13th/ Sat 14th September: Heritage weekend

Friday 18th October, 7.30 pm, A Time to Mourn, A Time to Dance, Dance production, here

Sunday 20th October afternoon: the Johanna Raffan Memorial Lecture.

Tuesday 20th – Saturday 25th August: Summer Holiday Arts project for all ages.

Working groups: we have four church working groups meeting to support the mission of the church. Every PCC member is on one group and anyone else is warmly invited to join a group if you think you could offer support, advice or just join in.

Eco group: find out more from Revd. Phyl

Churchyard Committee: talk to Simon Bader or Anne Child

Nurture group: Revd Sally leads this group, which will meet on 17th September

Zero Carbon Project Committee (heat and light): find out more from Clare Price

Welcomers meeting: thanks to everyone who serves as a welcomer. You are invited to a short meeting after church on Sunday 28th July to chat over how you find the role and any safeguarding needs. Do put the date in your diaries.

Ride & Stride: This national event happens every year across the country, and is a great way to raise funds for the support of our historic churches.

Any mode of transport is fine – you could walk, cycle, ride: simply choose a route and find lots of sponsorship from all your friends and family

More details will be provided closer to the event from your local co-ordinator (Peter Goford) or from the BHCT Ride & Stride website <http://www.berkschurchestrust.org.uk/ride-and-stride>

At St. Luke's we will combine this with the Heritage Open weekend – see above...

Inspire Magazine: We are preparing the next issue of Inspire, our church magazine. It would be great to have a bumper edition after a long pause.

Articles can be of any nature – writing about things that might interest everyone, poems, pictures, photos, prayers, quizzes... you name it.... Inspire draws the church family together sharing news and views.

Please email your articles, pictures, poems, book reviews etc to admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk by end of July please

The Charles Davis Trust: each year this Trust invites applications from residents of the Old Borough of Maidenhead for supermarket vouchers. Residents must be over 70 and have savings which do not exceed £23,250. A poster at the back of church offers more information and application forms are available from Revd. Sally.

Our Regular activities:

The **8.00 Holy Communion service** will continue to be monthly, on the 2nd Sunday.

Midweek Holy Communion is at 10 am weekly, followed by coffee

Baby and Toddler group meets on Thursdays, 9.30 – 11.00 am term time only. We meet in church.

Messy Church continues on the first (usually) Friday, monthly, 4-5.30pm. Next is 6th September 2024
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk to book a place.

Keeping Company is our monthly meeting for those bereaved (at any time). Third Thursday at 3pm, in church. The next is 18th July

Thursday Teas meets in the community hall offering tea, cake and conversation. Second Thursdays monthly, 1.30 pm. Next is 8th August

Thursday Lunches meets fourth Thursday of the month, usually at the Toby Cavery but please contact Jean Tyrwhitt-Drake on Jeant-d2@outlook.com for further details.

Gaynor's Gift is a prayer shawl knitting ministry that anyone can take part in at home. We meet together monthly to pray, knit and drink tea. 4th Thursdays monthly. Next is 25th July

St. Luke's Church
Norfolk Road, Maidenhead 

More than sparrows!
An All Age Activity week
Tue. 20th—Sat. 24th August
10 am - 1pm daily, in church
£2 per person per day
For adults and accompanied children of all ages

CRAFTS GAMES SNACK TIME
ECO FUN STORYTELLING

For more details call 01628 622733
Please register at:
admin@stlukeschurchmaidenhead.org.uk

**Windsor and Maidenhead
Community Forum
Women's Group**

Ladies of all beliefs and none
are warmly invited to our next meeting
from 7.30 - 9.00 pm
on
Tuesday 23rd July 2024
at
Grenfell Lodge (synagogue)
Ray Park Road, Maidenhead SL6 8QX

Our theme is:
Food and Faith
You are invited to bring a sample of food from your own faith,
vegetarian and **NO NUTS** please.

Further details from:
sally514@btinternet.com www.wamcf.org

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Please note that for all Zoom services the links below are being used:

Sunday Morning Worship:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87358197400?pwd=MTFxVINad1R6NEl6cVZ6TVJ5bGlzdz09>

Meeting ID: 873 5819 7400

Passcode: 526076

Zoom Morning Prayer at 8.30 am Tuesday – Friday, 9 am Saturday

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81459090925?pwd=Y2hKZkFYZ04zbGZBd1BHcmllldU5Hdz09>

Meeting ID: 814 5909 0925

Passcode: 180609